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11. The Kazakhstani government has no policy to support the Arab League Boycott (ALB), and there are no laws requiring compliance with ALB or any other international boycott. Kazakhstan maintains full diplomatic relations with Israel, and instructed the Kazakhstani Embassy in Saudi Arabia not to attend the recent meeting held there regarding the boycott of Israel. GOK officials speak proudly of the "normal full diplomatic" relations and substantial economic ties Kazakhstan enjoys with Israel.

12. The Kazakhstani government maintains no Arab League Boycott office, nor is Post aware of any official pressure on U.S. firms to participate in the ALB or any other international boycott. No suppliers, vendors, or service suppliers with whom Post typically does business in Kazakhstan are known to comply with the ALB or any other international boycott. According to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, there have been no instances of attempted boycott enforcement by government agencies or compliance requests by private entities.

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